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# HERS II Ramp-Up:

## CalCERTS' Efforts to Make HERS II a Reality

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# Milestones

- HERS Phase II effective September 1, 2009
- CalCERTS approved by CEC on July 28, 2010
- WHR update webinar on July 30, 2010
- First Certification Classes Held August 9, 2010



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# Whole House Rater

- CEC certification Requirements from HERS Regs
  - Be a Field Verification & Diagnostic Testing Rater
  - Take Provider's approved training
  - Demonstrate competency in a field house
  - Know how to use approved software



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# Certification Opportunities

- Three pathways to HERS II through CalCERTS
  - CalCERTS retail training
  - Community College classes
  - Rater challenge from other providers – dual certifications



# Current Status

- Total of 158 have signed up and/or taken the class
- 49 had been trained prior to November 2009
  - Only 18 of the 49 have done field house
  - 2 more scheduled to finish by 9/30/2010
- 109 more have taken class since 8/1/2010
  - 60 in August, 30 in September, 19 in October
- 89+ expected to be certified by October 15, 2010
  - 158 by October 31 if all finished certification process



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# Demographics

- 66 Cities have at least one WHR
  - 10 of the 66 cities have 2-5 WHR
- The total of 158 represent all areas of CA
- Only north of Chico is not represented by October 15 estimate



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# Actual vs. Projected

- Projected 120 by September 30, 2010
- 129 passed classroom by September 15, 2010
- 10 more scheduled to take class on 9/29/2010
- 89+ expected to be certified by October 31, 2010





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## Efforts vs. Results

- CalCERTS increased qualified trainers & field house proctors
  - No candidate has been unable to schedule as needed
- CalCERTS sent out email blasts with information re: HERS II
- CalCERTS ran coupon specials for decreased costs
- CalCERTS works with WIBS, CC's and other scholarship programs
- CalCERTS attends program roll-outs & contractor summits
- CalCERTS allows challenges from raters with other providers





# Barriers to Ramp-up Success

- Jobs are still not putting enough demand on raters
  - No pressure from contractors to use a rater
- Cost of training
- Cost of equipment & software
- Perceptions by program managers, designers
  - HERS II is not ready
  - ARRA contracts not signed
- Misinformation/lack of information to rating community
  - HERS II is not ready
  - Existing Homes raters are Whole House Raters
  - How to get involved with programs rolling out



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# Overcoming the Barriers

- Get more Building Performance Contractors trained
  - CalCERTS is seeking approval for BPC Program from CEC per HERS Regs
- Scholarships and/or subsidies for training costs
- CalCERTS could hold webinars to inform ARRA programs of HERS II availability
- Put up CA website for rebate/retrofit info for contractors/raters
- CalCERTS will improve information/search section of website
- Get proper info out to all raters statewide to give opportunity to participate